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Assistant Commissioner for Patents, 5 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2002, Applicant requests that a new Supplemental Office Action be provided that takes into account the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the Continuation Application for the above-identified case.

A telephone call with the Examiner on June 10, 2002 indicated that the Preliminary Amendment filed had not been considered in preparing the March 14, 2002 Office Action because it was not in the file at the time this Action was being prepared. Applicants have, concurrently with this Response, filed a Petition to Consider Correspondence Filed with the USPTO, attached in the Appendix.

Respectfully submitted,

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